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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-5, 7-13 are allowed.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Thomas Frame, registration # 47,232 on April 14, 2011.

The application has been amended as follows:

Please cancel the withdrawn claims 14-122.

REASON FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record fails to teach neither singly nor in combination, the claimed limitation of the use of "an SPVC manager coupled with said database memory and said connection manager, said SPVC manager being adapted to control said connection manager and receive an SPVC connection message comprising an access identifier of a source network device, said SPVC manager being further adapted to determine if the access identifier of the source network device matches the access identifier in said database memory, wherein the SPVC connection message further comprises a service category parameter, a virtual path identifier (VPI) parameter, and a peak cell rate

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(PCR)/sustained cell rate (SCR) parameter, and wherein the access identifier comprises an alias for a closed user group (CUG), wherein a new connection service category change request for the existing SPVC connection triggers an evaluation of resources available to satisfy the new connection service category change request, and wherein if the resources are not available, the new connection service category change request is rejected and a current service category is maintained” as stated in claim 1. This limitation, in conjunction with other limitation in the independent claims, are not specifically disclosed or remotely suggested in the prior art or record. A review of claims 1-5, 7-13, in view of the Examiner’s amendments above, indicates that claims 1-5, 7-13 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ALAN CHOU whose telephone number is (571)272-5779. The examiner can normally be reached on 9am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, John A. Follansbee can be reached on (571)272-3964. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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